

Texas SAR Arlington Chapter – Meeting Minutes October 10, 2020

The October meeting was held via freeConferenceCall/Zoom.com commencing at 9:00 A.M. Call-in instructions as well as a link for ZOOM were provided along with our meeting announcement by Web Master, John Anderson.

- I. Attendees called in and were welcomed by President Robert “Bob” Pope. A roll of those in attendance was recorded by Secretary David Friels.
- II. President Pope opened the meeting for Chapter business. Due to the nature of the meeting colors were not posted.
- III. Compatriot Roger Wehr gave the invocation.
- IV. Sergeant-at-Arms Dan Hamilton led the pledges to the U.S. Flag, Texas Flag and the Sons of the American Revolution.
- V. President Pope recognized Past Chapter Presidents and greeted applicant Kevin Ramsey. *Applicant Steven Lushbaugh also joined later in the meeting.*
- VI. Historian James Gibson gave an informative report of “Significant Events Occurring in the Month of October During the American Revolution.”
- VII. Due to the nature of the meeting there were no inductions or awards presented.
- VIII. Officer and Committee Reports
 - A. Treasure Ned Myers reported that for the period of Sept. 5 – Oct. 6 checks in the amount of \$100 each were issued to the two local DAR Chapters for their support of Wreaths Across America consistent with the motion approved during the September meeting (see September minutes Item X.A). The check to the Lucretia Council Cochran Chapter has been deposited, and the check to Quannah Parker Chapter has been mailed to the Chapter Regent. A check for \$12.76 from the Kroger Community Rewards Program has also been received.
 - B. Secretary Friels reminded the Chapter
 - The minutes from the September meeting were posted on the chapter website. The floor was opened for comments on the minutes, and there being no comments, Compatriot Friels moved that the minutes be accepted as posted. The motion was seconded by Compatriot Dan Hamilton and approved.
 - Compatriot Friels noted that the Annual reports will be due shortly after the end of the year and that he will commence working on the reports after the November meeting (or as soon as the forms are available). All compatriots were reminded to submit an activity report if they participated in a color guard event or any other SAR activity outside of our Chapter meetings. The plan is for each compatriot to report activities each month for the monthly minutes and also submit a complete annual activity report to the secretary.
 - C. TXSSAR/ NSSAR information from the TXSSAR Executive Board Meeting held two weeks ago reported by Compatriot John Anderson:

- The 125th TXSSAR Anniversary Medals are available to all Texas members for a purchase price of \$30 each. Compatriots that did not already order a medal at the State meeting and are interested in purchasing should contact Compatriot Anderson for information on ordering.
 - The State BOM will be held via ZOOM on November 14 which will conflict with our monthly meeting (see Item X, New Business below for discussion).
 - Dues notices will be mailed out in early November. All members should submit their payment promptly. Payments not received prior to January 1 will be considered late and will result in the compatriot being considered inactive pending payment and subsequent reinstated. New members approved after Labor Day will not pay dues for the year 2021.
 - The bookkeeping service that is responsible for processing dues payments has had issues, especially with the approximately 15% to 20% of member reinstatements. Their performance is being evaluated, and they may be replaced when their contract is up.
 - The membership email, DaDa is not technically up-to-date and will likely be either updated or replaced with a few months.
- D. Registrar Allan Husch was unable to attend due to illness, and in his absence Compatriot Anderson, acting Registrar, reported the following:
- Brandon Husch has transferred all the materials which Allan had to John.
 - We have six new members eligible for induction once we receive their new member packets from National which could take several months.
 - Steven Lushbaugh's application has been approved by State.
 - Applicant Kevin Ramsey shared some very interesting information on his patriot and noted that he actually has seven patriots.
 - Compatriot Anderson held a ZOOM mentoring session on September 14 for members interested in assisting with applicant registrations. Compatriots Pope, Myers, and Friels participated in the training and were each assigned an applicant. The plan is to improve communication with new applicants and provide them some extra assistance in completing their applications. Compatriot Myers reported that Nick Nichols' application is nearly complete. Compatriots Pope and Friels are having communication issues with their assigned applicant.
- E. Historian James Gibson submitted his report regarding events during the American Revolution occurring during the month of October to the chapter web admin. The report is found on the chapter website under the "About us" tab.
- F. Chaplain Bob Wehr was not present.
- G. Sergeant-at-Arms Dan Hamilton had no additional information to report.
- H. Chapter Color Guard Commander Jerry Cope had no Color Guard Activity to report; however, Color Guard Members had individual activity to report:
- CG/Lt. Dan Hamilton attended the NSSAR South Central District online meeting on September 14.
 - CG/Lt. Ned Myers participated in a NSSAR Color Guard Honor Vigil at George Washington's Tomb on September 19.
- I. DAR Liaison John Anderson reported that our checks had been successfully distributed to the two respective DAR Chapters (see item VIII.A above). The Quanah Parker DAR Chapter will be meeting online the rest of the year so the presentation of the Martha Washington Medal Jeanne Deakyne is postponed until sometime next year (refer to item VIII.I in the September meeting minutes).

I. Speaker's Bureau Chairman Bill Covington reported the following:

- A presentation to Fort Worth Costumes Guild. He and his wife both attended in their Revolutionary War period uniform (dress). Each contributor gave a brief discussion on the period dress (uniform).
- Compatriot Covington has four more presentations scheduled prior to our next meeting.

J. ROTC/JROTC Liaison David Friels had no additional information to report.

IX. Ongoing Chapter Business – Past, Present and Future

- A. Protection of our Heritage and National Monuments – no new information or activity was discussed.
- B. Participation in Wreaths Across America – Checks to support the two local DAR Chapters efforts have been distributed. Additionally, Color Guard Members will also participate.

X. New Business

- A. TXSSAR BOM November 14 – The BOM will conflict with our scheduled Chapter meeting and a discussion was held regarding either meeting as usual or cancelling the meeting. Compatriot Anderson will attend the BOM and will not be able to host the ZOOM meeting for our Chapter. Compatriot Wehr proposed that we meet as usual to keep continuity. He indicated that with the assistance of his son, Daniel he could setup and host our ZOOM meeting. Compatriot Anderson will give Compatriot Wehr information on setting up and hosting the ZOOM, and we will have a trial run with the officers later this month.

XI. Programs

- A. Compatriot Bill Covington gave a very informative presentation about the Hessians and their background, roll in fighting for the British, and life as a prisoner of war. He noted that about 4,000 Hessians were prisoners near Lancaster Pennsylvania where many worked during the day on farms. Some of the Hessians served as marines on a Colonial Frigate (including one of Compatriot Roger Wehr's Patriot ancestors. Many of the Hessians preferred to stay in the U.S. after the war.
- B. Compatriot Anderson presented a YouTube video by The History Guy about the use and history of Challenge Coins.

XII. The meeting was adjourned after a motion by President Pope and 2nd by Compatriot Friels.

XIII. Compatriot Roger Wehr gave the Closing Benediction.

XIV. Sergeant-at-Arms Dan Hamilton led the SAR Closing Admonition.

XV. Next chapter meeting – November 14, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. via conference call/ZOOM.

Attendance: 13 Chapter members and 2 guests were present on the call

Respectfully Submitted,
David Friels, Secretary

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